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OK Turner As Director Of the CIA

Washington (News Bureau) — The Senate approved without dissent yesterday President Carter's choice of his Annapolis classmate, Adm. Stansfield Turner, to be director of central intelligence.

Senate Republican Leader Howard H. Baker (Tenn.) said he was "concerned" about permitting the 53-year-old Turner to retain his four-star Navy rank while serving



Adm. Stansfield
Turner

as director of central intelligence and head of the Central Intelligence Agency. Four of the agency's directors have been military men, however.

"Notwithstanding my concern with the precedent of this dual appointment and notwithstanding my concern that the appointment may have an unfortunate effect," said Baker, "I am sure he (Turner) can serve with distinction, and I am sure he will."

Turner will serve not only as head of the CIA, but also as the President's chief coordinator of the government's intelligence community. This latter post was created by the Ford administration.

Carter's first nominee for the intelligence post, former JFK speechwriter Theodore C. Sorensen, withdrew from consideration when strong opposition developed in the Senate over the allegations that he had used classified White House material to write his book about the Kennedy years.

Another Carter nominee for a dual post, Paul H. Warnke, named to head the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and as chief negotiator at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) with the Soviets, will have to face more Senate Armed Services Committee hearings next week.

But Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd (W. Va.) and the GOP's Baker agreed that Warnke probably will win confirmation, although Byrd cautioned that votes could change on the basis of the Armed Services Committee hearings.